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Applicants note that new claims 24-25 embrace subject matter which is also claimed in U.S. Patent No. 6,413,948 issued July 2, 2002. As required by 35 U.S.C. §135(b), applicants are presenting claims to such subject matter not more than one year after the issue date of U.S. Patent No. 6,413,948. A copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,413,948 is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Information Disclosure Statement

In accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following reference which is listed on the PTO-1449 form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. A copy of this reference is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

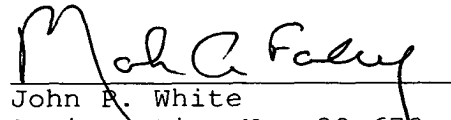
U.S. Patent No. 6,413,948, issued July 2, 2002 to Slusher, et al. (Exhibit 1).

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the progress of this application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone either of them at the number provided below.

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No fee is deemed necessary with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any fee is due, authorization is hereby given to charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

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